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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed in the above-noted U.S. patent application on September 6, 2001. Kindly consider the following remarks and proposed amendments.

In the Claims:

57. (Twice amended) A method of enriching for and identifying nucleic acid sequence differences with respect to a reference sequence comprising:

- a) fragmenting a nucleic acid sample from one or more individuals;
- b) physically separating a subset of said nucleic acid fragments based on the size of the fragments;
- c) operatively linking a fragment created in step (a) or said subset of step (b) with an oligonucleotide or a vector;
- d) replicating said operatively linked subset to form an enriched collection of replicated molecules; and